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I want to personally thank you for all of the hard work and dedication you have invested into the Department's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program. Your individual efforts to increase victim reporting options and improve victim access to medical and advocacy services have had a noticeable impact. Collectively, we have started to establish a climate of confidence in which service members trust the system to respond appropriately when reporting an assault.

Nationally, Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) is observed in April with the 6th being highlighted as "The Day to End Sexual Violence". This year's awareness month provides us with the opportunity to increase local knowledge about this issue and disseminate information on the steps necessary to prevent it.



The enclosed Sexual Assault Awareness Month package has been produced as a resource to support your sexual assault prevention and education efforts. The package contains materials that can be reproduced and distributed to support your local SAAM campaign. Materials include: a summary of suggested SAAM activities; a listing of helpful sexual assault resources; a customizable poster and pamphlet; DoD's SAAM proclamation; sample event timelines and news clip ideas for your local publications. These tools should compliment the activities you already have planned and have been placed on the attached disc for ease of use.

I strongly encourage you to make your awareness month a robust one and to remain steadfast in your efforts to broadly distribute the message that sexual assault has no place in the Department and that preventing it is every service member's responsibility. Your efforts at the local level will have long term affects on the program as you manage it in its infancy and as it matures in the years to come.

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